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1. The CSSZ (Ceskoslovenske statni stavebni zavody) kraj machine station in Prizrenice maintains accurate records of all building and construction machinery within the Brno kraj. This station makes repairs on all these machines, concentrating mainly on major overhauls of machines, automobiles and trucks belonging to the CSSZ, Brno kraj administration. Minor repairs to building machines are made by the kraj machine stations with the aid of mobile repair shops.

2. Machines are allocated and assigned to their respective places of work by the appropriate ministry in Prague. In cases of dire need, building machines can be allocated by the kraj inspectorate of the CSSZ in Brno, Ceska ulice number six.

3. This station was activated in 1951, and is very well equipped. The repair shops have new lathes, milling machines, shapers, grinders, etc. The enterprise has a railroad branch line. The kraj administration has an inventory consisting of various makes of excavators, Soviet [redacted] bulldozers, mobile and stationary cranes, cement mixers and compressors. In January 1952, it received six new excavators of the MEINCK type made by CKD-Prague. These machines had a capacity of one cubic meter. At the same time two Soviet made Ruskavator - E - 1003 excavators, capacity 1.5 cubic meters, were delivered. During the testing of these machines, it was discovered that they had a capacity of .98 cubic meters and not 1.5 cubic meters, as noted on the machine itself. This condition created some "amazement" among persons in charge of the enterprise. 50X1-HUM

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4. The kraj machine station employs about 200 workers (all of whom are specialists in their fields), and about 40 clerks.

5. About 30 percent of all employees were organized as members of the Communist Party [sic]; but only about half of this number were true to the regime, and these held responsible positions in the Prizrenice kraj station.

6. The average monthly wage of a skilled worker was around 4,000 crowns. The station operated on a two shift system: from 0600 to 1400, and from 1400 to 2200 hours.

7. Twelve men, uniformed in black and armed with pistols comprised the enterprise guard. The workers in the enterprise militia were armed with rifles. [redacted] The rifles of the militia are stored at the Prizrenice station.

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8. The machine station received all of its parts (forgings) from the newly constructed Skoda Works which started operations in 1951. [The Skoda Works is located on Enclosure A, circled number 2.] Warehouses are directly in the enterprise.

9. In spite of Communist propaganda, the morale of the workers was low because of their poor earnings.

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ENCLOSURES: A: Sketch-map of Brno, with legend.
B: Sketch-map of CSSZ kraj machine station in Prizrenice, in detail, with legend.

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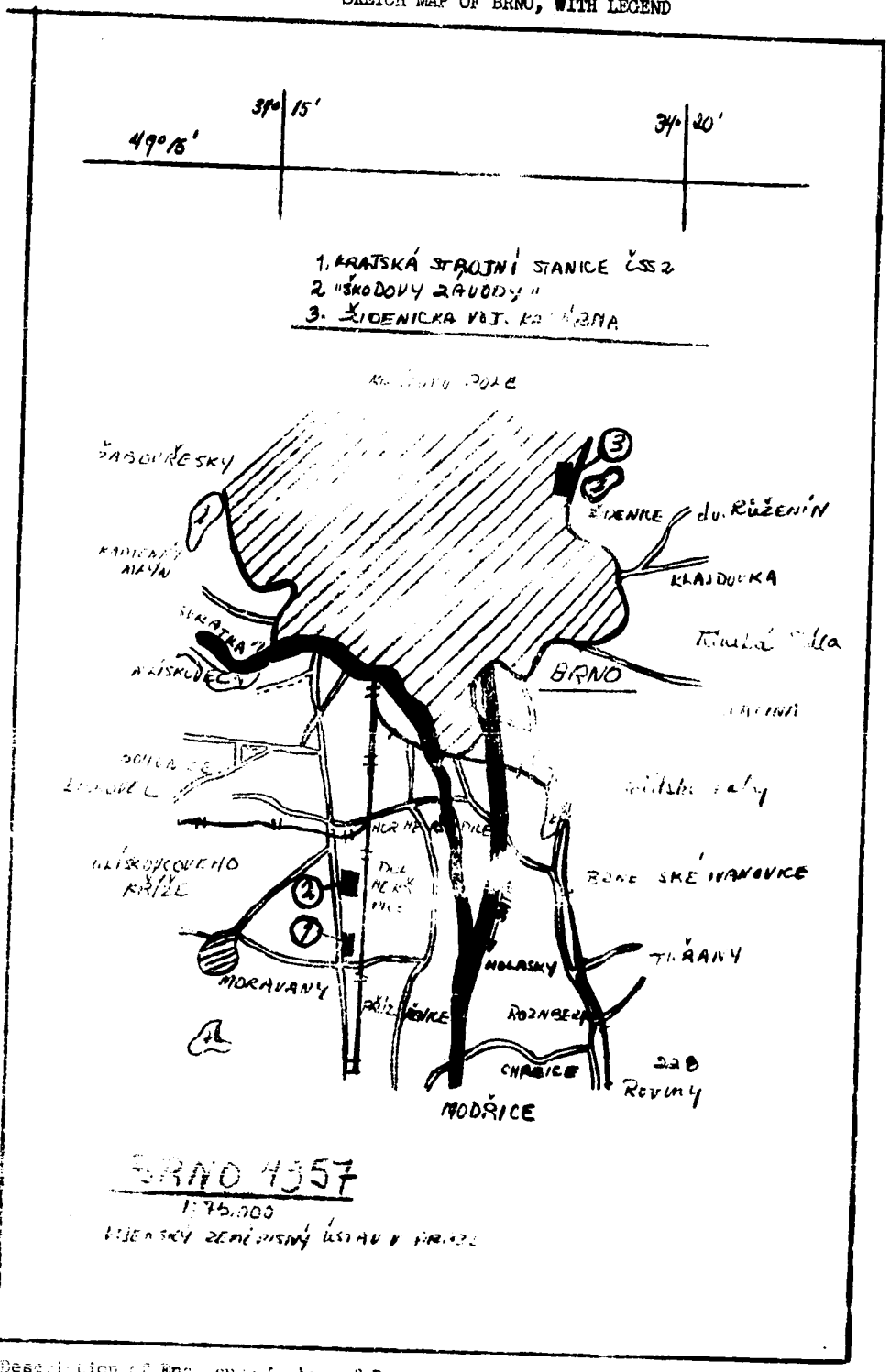
SKETCH MAP OF BRNO, WITH LEGEND



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Description of Enemy Installations in Brno

1. Krajská státní stanice Kídenice
2. Škoda Works
3. Kídenice military reservation. During 1952 there were housed armored units, artillery and a transportation regiment.

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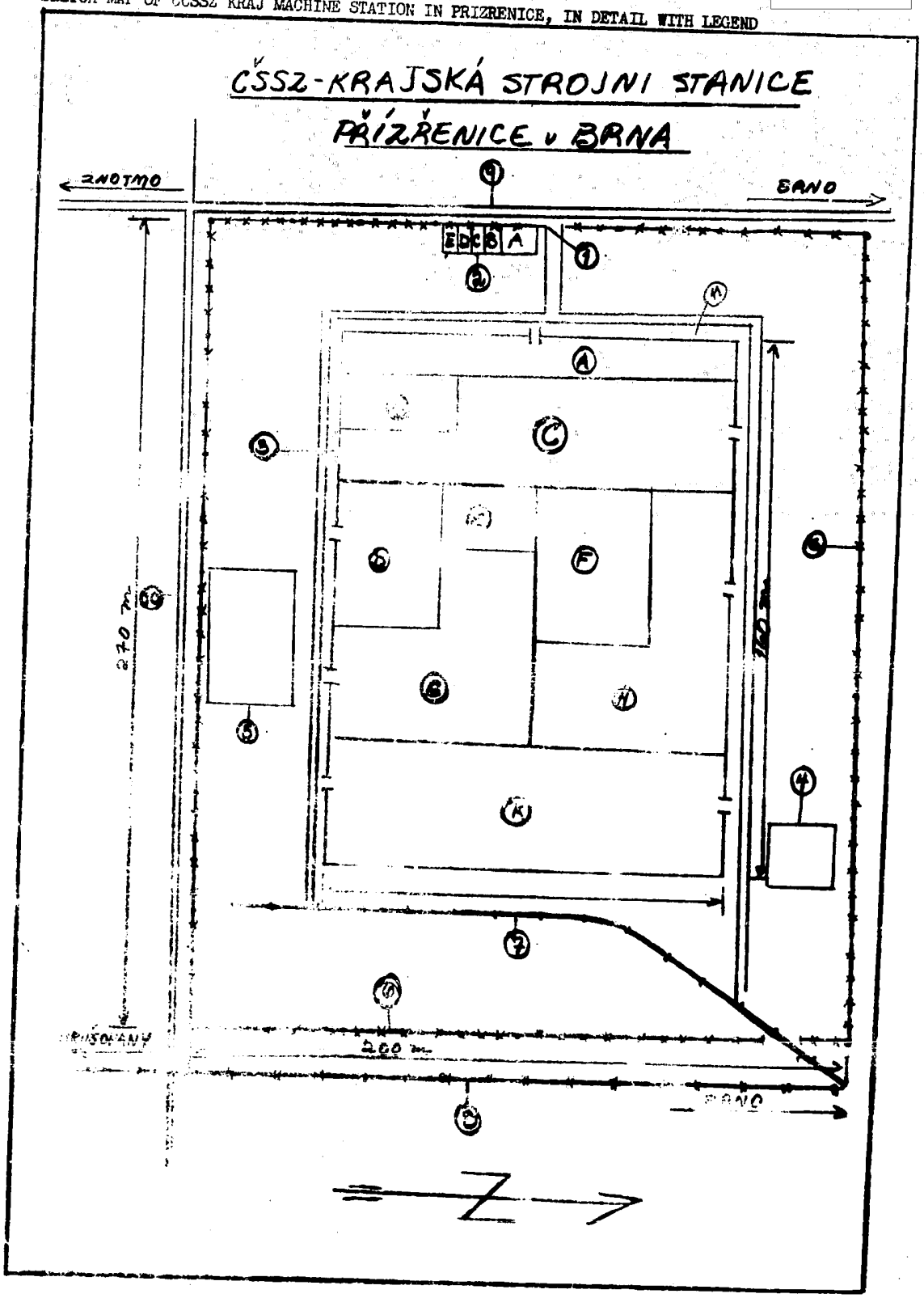
SKETCH MAP OF CCSSZ KRAJ MACHINE STATION IN PRIZRENICE, IN DETAIL WITH LEGEND



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Legend to Enclosure B: CSSZ kraz machine station in Prisrenice

1. Main entrance: iron gate 8 meters wide.
2. One-story brick building with flat concrete roof, 25 x 10 meters:
   A. gatehouse; two members of the factory guard are on duty here
   B. cadre section
   C. personnel section
   [redacted]
   E. enterprise physician.
3. Building with reinforced concrete sides, and glass and metal roof; the roof is shaped like a series of inverted "V's", 160 x 140 meters:
   A. brick, two-story building, 10 meters wide. The second floor houses operations offices, and the first floor contains washrooms, locker rooms, the enterprise kitchen and dining room.
   B. electrician's shop
   C. repair shop for building machines
   D. automobile shop for general overhauls (major)
   E. storeroom for issuing tools for the shops
   F. warehouse for all material used in the enterprise
   G. lathe machine shop
   H. oil and gasoline warehouse
   K. excavator repair shop for major overhauls of excavators; this shop is equipped with a mobile crane, which has a 16 ton capacity.
4. Brick building under construction, 25 x 25 meters
5. Apprentice shop; brick building, 50 x 30 meters.
6. Fence, 2 meters high, with barbed wire at the top.
7. Railroad branch line
8. Main railroad line, (two tracks)
9. Asphalt state highway (1st class)
10. Okres gravel top road
11. Concrete walks within the enterprise.

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